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COMBINE DEFEATS SALARY INCREASE AND LIGHT PLANT

Compact Slaughters Ordinances Ruthlessly as They Are Brought Up.

MOST REMARKABLE IN BOARD'S HISTORY

Considerable Feeling Displayed, and One Disgusted Member Defied Wishes of Body and Walked Out Without Permission.

WHAT THE BOARD KILLED The Dabrey electric light and Increase of City Attorney's salary

All increases of salary proposed in ordinances finally noted on.

WHAT THE BOARD PASSED.

Ordinance appropriating \$20,000 Confederate Veterna Reunion. dinance appropriating \$10,000 Richmond building at James-

THE ANTI-SALARY INCREASE COMBINATION.

Aldermen Adams, Cottrell, Gil-man, Larus, Mann, Masurier, Mon-cure, Reynolds, Satterfield and President Turpin. Messrs. Adams and Cottrell voted for one or two propositions. The others held to-wether.

The Board of Aldermen held last night e most remarkable session in its entire the feature of the session being the disclosure of the existence of a powerful secret compact by sufficient memerful secret compact by sufficient members to defeat every proposition of an increase in salary, however meritorious. The procedure was revolutionary in its nature. As was afterward admitted, it was the result of a preconcerted effort by certain members who determined to stuy what they regarded as a wholesale raid on the City Treasury. In order to give the combination strength and cohesiveness it became necessary for those participating in it to give and take; that is to say, to vote against some propositions they favored in order to defeat others they opposed.

Considerable Faciling

Considerable Feeling.

It was explained after the meeting that the revolutionary combination was formed in the interest of the tax-payers of the city, and that those composing it were willing to face the people at any time and take the consequences. All the various ordinances relative to the employes of the several departments of the city government, the ordinance proposing a uniform increase in the salaries of the police of about ten per cent; that giving the City Treasurer an extra clerk, and that increasing the salary of the City Attorney, all went down in the slaughter.

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ten men whose names are re nances under consideration. In value the surprised advocates protest involve against the impropriety nces under consideration. In vain to carry it out, and they did Dilatory motions and resort to obstructive parliamentary tactics we vain against such an astute parlia-mentarian as Mr. William M. Turpin, president of the body, who commanded the combination. Considerable feeling was evinced by some of the member as the grim legislative travely was played to its predetermined conclusion played to its predetermined conclusion.

Mr. Dabney led the opposition to the
combination, vigorously seconded by
Mr. Whittot. Several others became
weary, not to say disgusted, with the
obstructive tactics of the economy
combine and left the chamber, with combine and left the chamber, with or without consent. Mr. Grundy and Mr. Bennett openly expressed their disapprobation, and with some feeling, the former leaving early and the latter, in defiance of the body, which refused to excuse him.

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This revolutionary feasure of the sesion overshadowed even the defeat of the Dabney electric light and power plant ordinance, which, though not embraced in the compact, commanded the votes of many of the combination. Mr. Dabney made a forceful presentation of the arguments for the project and covered every phase of the question with great care, challenging the opposition to question his facts and figures, and quoting heads of other departments in advocacy of the plan. Not a word was said in opposition by way of argument, Mr. Bennett merely explaining his negative vote. When the roll-call began there was intense silence and close attention. Before it had been half concluded, some number remarked sotto voce, "It's dead," and the sequal proved that he know the siluation better than did the patron of the ordinance or the majority of the members.

Mr. Dabney was naturally surprised, but explained that it was a defeat for the people rather than for him, and that if they could stand it he could. It is worthy of note that Mr. Turpin, leader of the economy group, not only voted for the electric project, but latter in another connection declared that it was the most meritorious proposition that had been before the body 'In years. He expressed regret at its defeat.

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Despite the defeat of the electric plant ordinance and of ever salary increase proposed, the Board unanimously adopted the conference report appropriating \$20,000 in aid of the general reunion committee of the Confederate veterans. This now goes to the (Contined on Twelfth Page.)

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS BEGINS ANNUAL MEETING WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE

Opening Session of Body Held Last Night in the Masonic Temple.

The city is full of Masons who have come up from all parts of Virginia to attend Grand Lodge. While the transactions of the grand communication this year are in no way exciting, and are not regarded by the craft as being especially important, the one-hundred and twenty-ninth annual meeting has brought to Richmond several hundred members of the craft, and they are greatly enjoying the gathering, which is social, as well as strictly business.

The grand working committee held two meetings yesterday, and at 7:30 o'clock last night the Grand Lodge



address of the grand master dealt altogether in matters that are considered in secrecy, and his lengthy report of the work of the year past cannot be published. It was, however, a carefully prepared record of his adminstration and contains a great deal of valuable information to the members.

Officers Present.

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The Grand Lodge was opened at the hour named, with the following officers filling the stations; Kosciuke Kemper, grand master; S. J. Quinn, deputy grand master; Joseph W. Eggleston, grand senior warden; Walter Dinwiddle, grand junior warden protem; W. Fred. Pleasants, grand treasurer; George W. Carrington, grand secretary; W. B. McChesney, grand senior deacon; W. L. Andrews, grand junior deacon; W. L. Andrews, grand junior deacon; Rev. Georg. H. Ray, grand chaplain; W. C. Wilkinson, grand tiler; James A. Pamplin, grand pursuivant, The following past grand masters occupled seats in the east: R. T. W. Duke, Edward N. Eubank, George W. Wright, Thomas N. Davis and H. O. Kerns.
The Grand Lodge, having been opened in due and ancient form, the grand master read his long annual report, which was referred to a special committee, composed of the past grand masters in attendance.

not the best, year the fraternity has ever known. Every subordinate lodge in the State has prospered, and all make splendid reports. Every lodge shows increased membership, and the grand master says the accessions to the fraternity come from "the pink and the flower of Virginia citizenship." "Nothing," says the grand master, "has occurred during the year to disturb our friendly and brotherly relations with any of the grand lodges with which we are in correspondence."

Among the large number of new lodges Among the large number of new lodges instituted during the year, eighteen in all, the grand master mentions North-side Lodge, of Chestnut Hill, near Rich-

Finances in Good Shape.

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The report of the finance committee, C. S. Wingo, chairman, shows the receipts of the Grand Lodge from all sources to have been \$30,091.84 and the disbursements to have been \$30,091.84 and the report of the grand treasurer gave similar figures, and in addition gives the receipts from the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges for the relief of Masons in San Francisco, who suffered by the great earthquake. The total contributions, including \$500 from the grand treasury, amounted to \$3,651.85.

The committee on property, Major Sol. Cutchins chairman, made an interesting report concerning the Masonic Temple. The income from the building is now very satisfactory, and the debt on the same is being rapidly reduced. The magnificent building is in splendid condition and is being kept in good order. It is valued, with the £round, at \$102,000.

The committee appointed at the last grand communication to report on revision of the digest (the Masonic law book), made a very lengthy report; which was referred to the committee

vision of the digest (the Masonic lay book), made a very lengthy report, which was referred to the committee on jurisprudence and will be in turn reported upon by them to the Grand Lodge. The probability is that this document will cause lengthy discussion both in the committeeroom and on

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DECLINES TO HEAR HECKLER PETITION

Judge Scott Refuses to Grant Rehearing in Case of Henrico Treasurer.

GOES TO SUPREME COURT

Judge R. Carter Scott, of the Henrico Circuit Court, yesterday afternoon declined to hear the petition of Mr. H. C. Hechler for a rehearing of the case recently resulting in his removal from the office of treasurer.

The petition was based on certain after-discovered facts, which the late treasurer's attorneys claim to have discovered in their examination of the books of the officer, said to be errors in the report of H. B. Boudar & Company, accountants, who, the attorneys claim, charged certain accounts to Mr. Hechler that were not properly so chargeable, and failed to allow him credit for commission, which was due on certain accounts.

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mission, which was due on certain accounts.

The estimate of Messrs, O'Faherty & Fulton, attorneys for Mr. Hechler, shows that according to their figures, instead of being short \$883.16 on November 1, 1906, as shown by the report of Boudar & Company, Mr. Hechler had actually on hand \$938.44 in excess of the said alleged shortage. Judge Scott held that the decision had become final on completion of the term in which judgment was rendered, and, therefore, declined to receive the paper in vacation. The attorneys thereupon noted an exception, and have been authorized by Mr. Hechler to carry the case to the Supreme Court. Papers will be drawn for an appeal at once, and a writ of error and supersegues asked for within a for dear dear acceptance.

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The action of Judge Scott removing Mr. Hechler was entered on February 2d, and the treasurer was suspended for thirty days pending an appeal. Counsel have, therefore, until March 4th in which to prepare their case for the Supreme Court.

In the meantime Mr. Hechler is positive in saying, not only that he will fight the case to the Court of Appeals, but that he will stand for a vindication by the people at the general election next fall. There are a number of candidates already in the field, and an interesting campaign seems assured.

The Petition. campaign seems assured.

The Petition.

The petition of Mr. Hechler is in part as follows:
To the Honorable Carter Scott, Judge of

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great wealth you will use

The Times-Dispatch

About all the stock raisers in Virginia read it.

JEROME ACCUSES DELMAS OF ATTEMPTING TRICKERY IN QUESTIONING WITNESS

Dr. Evans Testifies Thaw Was Insane When He Shot Stanford White.

NEW YORK, February 12.—District Attorney Jerome and Delphin M. Delmas came together late to-day in the first serious clash between counsel in the Harry Thaw trial, and the California attorney, who is directing the defense, took exceptions to certain statements of the prose-

PLEASANTS GRAND TREASURER

minds of the jury the implied suggestion that the operation upon Evelyn Nesbit in 1964, before Thaw took her to Europe, was "of a erminal nature," when as a natter of fact, he said, "it was for apendedths." Mr. Delimas called the attention of Justice Fitzgorald to this, saying that the district atorney was stating facts not in evidence, and that "a very serious exception must be taken to his remarks."

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"Send the jury out of the room if you want to," exclaimed Mr. Jerome, "but I am going to got this thing straight. I am not going to have these false impressions fostered before this jury and in the minds of the witnesses."

Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insans, at Morris Plains, i. J., was the witness, and he testified early in the day that he was of the opinion that Harry Thaw was insane, at the time of the tragedy. He had been called upon to answer a long hypothetical question, in which reference had been made to "a serious, if not capital, operation" upon Miss Nesbif, when the storm between counsel broke.

Delmas Calm.

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Mr. Jerome seemed thoroughly wrought up, while Mr. Delmas did not for an instant lose his calm demeanor, but put force and emphasis to his words new to his hearers.

Mr. Jerome said he would withdraw objection to the term "capital operation" if Mr. Delmas would give him the word of counsel that they did not know the nature of the operation. Mr. Delmas gave his word that he did not know its nature.

"But you may consult with counsel," suggested Mr. Jerome.

"I do not care to do that," replied Mr. Delmas, "It is not essential," "Ah," cried the district attorney, in a loud voice, "then you do want to make this insinuation."

"The district attorney strangely for-

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., February 12.—Allegations of general unitness for the duties of postmaster at Norfolk appear in the charges which have been filed with the Senate Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads at Washington against S. B. Carney in an effort to defeat his confirmation as postmaster at Norfolk.

Acting, he says, for certain Republicans who do not desire to see Carney confirmed and for the public good, Attorney Ralph H. Riddleberger, & young Republican of the city, durafted the charges. Some unsavory political history, never before written, is recorded in the paper, which is quite lengthy. The allegations go back to '1898, when Carney was first appointed assistant make this inshuation."

"The district attorney strangely forgets his character and position when he charges me with an attempt to deceive," retorted Mr. Delmas, with more feeling in his voice than at any time during the trial. "He must upon deliberation see the injustice of his implied discounter." liberation see the injustice of plied discourtesy."

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"I see injustice plainly," retorted Mr.
Jerome, "but not in my remarks."
The storm had been brewing for some minutes, but it finally broke within the quarter of an hour before adjournment. Mr. Jerome and Mr. Delmas are of two such diametrically opposite types that the clash was not unexpected, Justice Fitzgraid did not

opposite types that the clash was not unexpected, Justice Fitzgerald did not rule out any of the district attorney's remarks before the jury and Mr. Delmas took care to have every exception he made "seriously noted." Mr. Jerome won his point, and the words

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GRANDDAUGHTER OF LINCOLN DIVORCED

Decree Granted on Birthday Anniversary of the President.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 12 .- The romance of pretty Jessie Lincoln Beckwith, granddaughter of Abraham Linwith, granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln, which was marked by a sensational elopement seven years ago, ended to-day, the birthday of the great emancipator, in the lowa divorce courts, where her husband, Wrenn Beckwith, former college athlete and present professional ballplayer, was granted a divorce for desertion.

Mrs. Beckwith was given custody of the two children.

In her plea, by counsel, she alleged that her husband had no home, living in hotels and boarding-houses,

living in hotels and boarding-houses, and that the children would receive better care with her in the home of her father, Robert T. Lincoln, president of the Pullman Company, in Chi-

Cago.

The romance began when Miss Lin-

138 PERISH IN STEAMER WRECK

The Knowlton Crashes Into S. S. Larchmont. and Sinks Her.

PASSENGERS FREEZE IN THE LIFEBOATS

Corpses Washed Up on Shore, Sailer in Captain's Bost Cuts His Throat-Fearful Suf. fering-Captain Escapes and Tells

Story.

LARCHMONT VICTIMS.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Lives lost, probably 200; known to be saved, 13.

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Phasengers on Larchment, at least 175. 'Number of persons in crew, 40. Total souls on board, 215. Persons who have escaped so far, 13. Corpses washed up or found in boats, 40. Total of lives lost as far as known, 202.

BLOCK ISLAND, R. L. February 12. -A marine disaster, with an appalling loss of life and entailing suffering almost beyond the limit of human endurance, came to light to-day when a lifeboat of the Joy Line Steamer Larchment, bound from Providence to New York, drifted into Block Island Harbor. In the boat were several bodies of

men who had died from the effects of long hours of exposure to a death-dealing temperature. In the boat also were eleven men whose suffering was so intense that they seemed obliv-lous to the fact that death was in their

lous to the fact that death was in their midst and that they had escaped only by virtue of their ability to withstand the rigor of zero weather in an open boat at sea.

The boat brought a tale of disaster that has rarely been equalled in New England waters, and it is believed that when the final count is made it will be found that not less than 150 lives were lost. Following closely in the be found that not less than 150 lives were lost. Following closely in the wake of the solitary lifeboat came bodies, cast upon the beach by angry waves. Then came lifeboats and varis. Each of them bore their burden of grim death, as well as a load of suffering humanity, and each brought a tale of horror.

Owing to the condition of the survivors of the tragedy, it was impossible to get from them an estimate of the loss of life. Anywhere from 75 to 150 persons went to their death, and at a late hour to-night it was believed that the later figure is nearer correct than the former.

Two Hundred on Board.

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The steamship officials estimate that about 150 passengers and a crew of fifty were on board the steamer when she left Providence last night. Forty-three bodies reached these shores to-day, and nineteen were alive when taken from the lifeboats, Taking the officials as a basis, there are still 138 day, and nincteen were alive when taken from the lifeboats. Taking the officials as a basis, there are still 138 persons to be accounted for. The only positive evidence of the steamer's victims is lying at the bottom of Block Island Sound. The list of passergers and crew, handed to the purser just before the steamer left Providence, was locked in a safe and it was not recovered. The cause of the accident has not been satisfactorily explained. It occurred just off Watch Hill, about 11 o'clock last night, when the three-masted schotter Harry Knowlton, bound from South Amboy for Boston, with a carge of coal, crashed into the steamer's portside, amidships.

Captain George McVey, of the Larch-mont, declares that the Knowlion sud-denly swerved from her course, luffed up in the wind and crashed into his

vessel.

Captain Haley, of the Knowlton, asserts that the stemmer did not give his vessel sufficient sen-room, and that the

vessel sufficient sea-room, and that the collision occurred before he could take his schooner out of the path of the his schooner out of the path of the or-coming steamer.

The steamer, with a huge hole in her side, was so seriously damaged that no attempt was made to run for shore, and she sank to the bottom in less than half an hour. The Knowlton, after slie had backed away from the wreck, began to fill rapidly, but her crew manned the pumps and kept her affeat until she reached a point off Quonochontaug, where they put out in the lifeboat and rowed ashore. There were no fatallities on the schooner, but the men suffered from the extreme cold.

CAPTAIN'S STORY OF THE ACCIDEFT

Almost Frozen to Death, He Tells of the Horrors of the

BLOCK ISLAND, R. L. February 12 .-The steamer Larchmont, of the Joy Line, with many passengers on board, bound from Boston for New York, sank off the northwest side of Block Island early in-day, after having collided with the three-masted schooner Harry Knowleton, off Quonochontaus.

The passengers and craw of the steam-er took to the boats, but it is feared that some may have lest their lives by being drowned or freezing, as the temperature

drowned or freezing, as the temperature was below zero.

Beveral hours after he was rescued, Captain McVey, of the Ladchment, was not able to talk. When he had partly recovered he communicated with his home and later dietated the following statement of the disaster to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

Captain's Storty.

Captain's Story.

"Wo left Providence at 7 o'clock. A brisk northwest wind was blowing, and we were of Watch Hill at 11. At about 11 o'clock I had gone below to look ever the passengers and freight, leaving a good pilot and quartermaster in the pilothouse, I returned to the pilothouse, pass-

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 12.—Two men were killed and three injured in a rear-end collision between two extra freight trains on the Southern Rallway near Johnston, this State, at an early hour to-day. The dead are Sever Devan, a negro fireman, 39 years of age, and an unknown white man. The injured are west Goodwin, brakeman; G. O. Stewart, engineer, and D. C. Black, conductor; none seriously. In Virginia in 1906

The live stock on lowlands and her thousand hills was worth \$51,532,509, which was the enormous gain of \$11,506,000 since 1900. An increase of nearly \$2,000,000 per year.

If you wish to reach the producers and owners of this

AGAINST CARNEY Allegations of General Unfitness for Postmaster of Norfolk

GRAVE CHARGES

Filed Against Him.

The allegations go back to 1898, when carney was first appointed assistant postmaster, and besides Carney, Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk county, and Republican leader of this section, and other Republican leaders, including the late Hichard A. Wise, whom John S. Wise, formerly of Virginia, but now of New York, succeeded in having seated in Congress, figure in it.

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Carney's appointment as assistant postmaster in 1898, it is charged, was forced from Join R. Waddy, the then postmaster, by Alvah H. Martin, who threatened Waddy with defeat or removal if Carney was not appointed. Waddy had refused to appoint Carney on the ground of alleged general unfitness and undesirability. Representative Wise was also forced by Martin to use his influence in favor of Carney on pain of being defeated for Congress at the following election, Martin threatening to turn Norfolk county over to the Democrats, which would have resulted in Wise's undoing.

Four years later it is charged that Waddy was not only again forced by Martin to appoint Carney as his assistant, but it is further charged that Waddy was forced to give Carney such a portion of his salary as would make the income of both officers equal.

It is also charged that Carney is a non-resident of Norfolk, and therefore cannot legally hold the office of postmaster for the city.

All of these things, it is argued, disquality him for the position of postmaster. The charges will create a sensation in Republican circles of the State, and those behind them think that they will defeat Carney.

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TEARING DOWN FENCES TO

IN SOUTHERN WRECK

MARTIN INVOLVED

Imposing Pomp and Ceremony Marked the Oc-

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K. KEMPER

THANKED AMERICAN

LONDON, February 12.—The second session of the second Parliament of the present reign was opened by King Edward in person this afternoon with all the imposing pomp and ceremony which has attended the functions since his accession. The pagant was medieval and brilliant, and in spite of the way was a gold cell weather. the line

of parade to and from the House of Lords was crowded by the people of the city.

His Majesty read the speech from the throne in the House of Lords. He made guarded reference to the approaching conflict between the House of Lords and the House of Commons, expressed gratitude to the American people and the American navy for sympathy and help in the Kingston disaster, touched upon legislation for Ireland, army reform and temperance, and declared that some changes in the governmental methods of India were under consideration.

The points in the King's speech which attracted the most attention were the references to the Kingston disaster and the House of Lords.

Debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was commenced this afternoon. The address was moved in the House of Lords by Lord Castletown, Liberal, and in the House of Commons debate on the address will last for several days.

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In the Commons Premier Campbell-Bannerman declared that the question of the Lords must be sottled, and that the present situation was discreditable, dangerous and demonalizing. He intimated that the Cablinet's efforts will be aimed rather at limiting the Lords power of veto than attaching the constitution of the Upper House. It is clear that the Conservatives hope the situagia will lead to early dissolution, and that they want to attempt to reverse the verdict of the country as given in the last general election. The government, however, desires to avoid an appeal to the country at the present time.

KING LEOPOLD DESERTS

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DAUGHTER, SHE SAYS

PARIS, February 12.—Princess Louise,
of Belgium (the divorced wife of
Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha),
in an open letter published in
the Matin to-day, complains bitterly
of the heartiess fashion in which her
father, King Leopold, has abandoned
her, even allowing the heritage which
she derived from the late queen mother to be seized for debt.

It was announced from Paris February
Eth that the trunks of Princess
Louise had been attached for \$15,000,
the amount of a jeweler's bill.

NU REPURI GIVEN OUT

BY LABOR COUNCIL

The Central Trades and Labor Council met last night, considered the "suffrage question" at length and adopted a resolution providing that no report be given to the pross. The committee on the proposed labor temple mass meeting was discharged and the plans for the meeting was discharged and the plans for the meeting have been abandoned for the present.

The romance began when Miss Lincoln, visiting at the home of heered young Beckwith for his sensational play in a college football game. After the elopement, Robert Lincoln endeavored to train his young severely. Reports all along the natural gas supply gave out at Martin's Ferry to-day, and thousands of people are suffering the natural gas supply gave out at Martin's Ferry to-day, and the plans in the proposed labor temple mass meeting was discharged and the plans for the meeting have been abandoned for the present.